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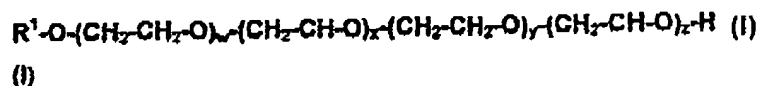
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This list of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims:

1. (currently amended) A machine dishwashing detergent comprising one or more builders, ~~one or more surfactants,~~ and 0.1 to 50% by weight of one or more nonionic surfactants that, in 80% strength by weight solution in distilled water, have a viscosity of less than 450 mPas, said nonionic surfactants comprising one or more surfactants of the general formula I:



(I)

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R²

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R³

in which R¹ is a straight-chain or branched, saturated or mono- or polyunsaturated C₆₋₂₄-alkyl or -alkenyl radical; each group R² and R³, independently of one another, is chosen from -CH₃, -CH₂CH₃, -CH₂CH₂-CH₃, CH(CH₃)₂ and the indices w, x, y, z, independently of one another, are integers from 1 to 6.

2. (original) The machine dishwashing detergent of claim 1, wherein the nonionic surfactant(s) have a viscosity of less than 400 mPas.

3. (original) The machine dishwashing detergent of claim 2, wherein the nonionic surfactant(s) have a viscosity of less than 300 mPas.

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4. (original) The machine dishwashing detergent of claim 3, wherein the nonionic surfactant(s) have a viscosity of less than 250 mPas.

5. (original) The machine dishwashing detergent of claim 4, wherein the nonionic surfactant(s) have a viscosity of less than 200 mPas.

6. (original) The machine dishwashing detergent of claim 1, wherein the nonionic surfactant(s), in 90% strength by weight solution in distilled water, have a viscosity of less than 250 mPas.

7. (original) The machine dishwashing detergent of claim 6, wherein the nonionic surfactant(s), in 90% strength by weight solution in distilled water, have a viscosity of less than 200 mPas.

8. (original) The machine dishwashing detergent of claim 7, wherein the nonionic surfactant(s), in 90% strength by weight solution in distilled water, have a viscosity of less than 150 mPas.

9. (original) The machine dishwashing detergent of claim 8, wherein the nonionic surfactant(s), in 90% strength by weight solution in distilled water, have a viscosity of less than 100 mPas.

10. ((original) The machine dishwashing detergent of claim 1, wherein the nonionic surfactant(s) are present in amounts of from 0.5 to 40% by weight.

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11. (original) The machine dishwashing detergent of claim 10, wherein the nonionic surfactant(s) are present in amounts of from 1 to 30% by weight.

12. (original) The machine dishwashing detergent of claim 11, wherein the nonionic surfactant(s) are present in amounts of from 2.5 to 25% by weight.

13. (original) The machine dishwashing detergent of claim 1, wherein the nonionic surfactant(s) are present in amounts of from 5 to 20% by weight.

14. (canceled)

15. (currently amended) The machine dishwashing detergent of claim 1 ~~14~~, wherein R^1 is an alkyl radical having 6 to 24 carbon atoms.

16. (original) The machine dishwashing detergent of claim 15, wherein R^1 is an alkyl radical having 8 to 20 carbon atoms.

17. (original) The machine dishwashing detergent of claim 16, wherein R^1 is an alkyl radical having 9 to 15 carbon atoms.

18. (currently amended) The machine dishwashing detergent of claim 1 ~~14~~, wherein R^2 and R^3 are a radical $-CH_3$, w and x, independently of one another, are values of 3 or 4 and y and z, independently of one another, are values of 1 or 2.

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19. (original) The machine dishwashing detergent of claim 15, wherein R^2 and R^3 are a radical $-CH_3$, w and x, independently of one another, are values of 3 or 4 and y and z, independently of one another, are values of 1 or 2.

20. (original) The machine dishwashing detergent of claim 1, comprising the builder(s) in amounts of from 5 to 90% by weight.

21. (original) The machine dishwashing detergent of claim 1, comprising the builder(s) in amounts of from 7.5 to 85% by weight.

22. (original) The machine dishwashing detergent of claim 1, comprising the builder(s) in amounts of from 10 to 80% by weight.

23. (original) The machine dishwashing detergent of claim 1, comprising one or more enzymes in amounts of from 0.01 to 15% by weight.

24. (original) The machine dishwashing detergent of claim 23, comprising one or more enzymes in amounts of from 0.1 to 10% by weight.

25. (original) The machine dishwashing detergent of claim 24, comprising one or more enzymes in amounts of from 0.5 to 6% by weight.

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26. (original) The machine dishwashing detergent of claim 1, comprising one or more bleaches in amounts of from 1 to 40% by weight.

27. (original) The machine dishwashing detergent of claim 26, comprising one or more bleaches in amounts of from 2.5 to 30% by weight.

28. (original) The machine dishwashing detergent of claim 27, comprising one or more bleaches in amounts of from 5 to 20% by weight.